Development of Araku valley in Andhra Pradesh for tourism

2300. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the tourism potential of Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Araku Valley could be developed as the premier hill station in Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to assist in development of infrastructure in Araku Valley for tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a survey of tourist places in the State including Araku Valley in the year 1990. The development of Borra Lime Stone caves near Araku Valley and creation of trekking facilities are the recommendations contained in the survey report. No such survey has, however, been conducted by the Central Government.

(d) Central financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure is provided on the basis of specific project proposals received from the State Government and availability of resources. A sum of Rs. 4.5 lakhs was thus sanctioned during 1990-91 for flood lighting of Borra caves and Rs. 10.54 lakhs was sanctioned during 1992-93 for the purchase of trekking equipments.

Conversion of Gaya Aerodrome into International Airport

2301. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gaya and Bodh Gaya in Bihar are major centres of pilgrimage;

(b) whether Bodh Gaya has the potential to attract Buddhists from all over the world;

(c) if so, whether Government intend to convert Gaya aerodrome into an international airport and develop a tourist infrastructure in the area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to convert Gaya airport into an international airport. Department of Tourism have sanctioned various schemes since 1990-91 at a cost of Rs. 50.05 lacs for development of tourist facilities in Gaya and Bodh Gaya.
and Bodh Gaya.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस की विमानों में शराब परोसे जाने पर प्रतिबंध

2302. श्री सोमपाल :
श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल
श्री शारदा महन्ती :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार को विभिन्न नगरों और संस्थाओं से इंडियन एयरलाइंस की घरेलू उड़ानों में शराब न परोसे जाने के संबंध में अनुरोध प्राप्त हुये हैं ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। इंडियन एयरलाइंस अन्तर्देशीय उड़ानों पर शराब परोसे जाने के हाल के प्रतिबंध से भी पहले शराब नहीं परोसती थी।

Disinestment by AI

2303. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Air India propose to go in o; "disinvestment" to raise money from private investors to launch its modernisation programme which includes the acquisition of new generation aircrafts; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) At present there is no proposal for disinvestment of Government shares in Air India.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Aircraft Heavy Engineering and Maintenance Unit at Ahmedabad

2304. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Aircraft Heavy Engineering and Maintenance Unit is proposed to be set up in Ahmedabad by Damania Airways Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be become operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Approval of Director General of Civil Aviation D.G.C.A.) is necessary for establishing such a unit. No proposal has yet been submitted by M|s Damania Airways to DGCA in this regard.

Warning to the KLM (Dutch) Airlines

2305. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a warning to the KLM (Dutch) Airlines that its landing rights at Bombay will be cancelled for failing to bring in more tourists;

(b) wnether on the reciprocal basis Air India also flies to Amsterdam; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Air India does not operate to Amsterdam as the operation is not considered commercially viable at present.

Misuse of trolleys meant for passengers at IGIA

2306. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trolleys meant for passengers at the Indira Gandhi International Airports in the Capital are being misused by the residents of the illegal hutments in the nighbourhood and also for smuggling goods, as reported in the Times of India of June 30, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is any illegal nexus between some employees of the Airport and the encroachers, and if not, how